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## **Governor Jan Brewer Celebrates Final Dismissal of *Arnold v. Sarn***

PHOENIX – After more than 30 years of litigation, the Maricopa County Superior Court today dismissed the *Arnold v. Sarn* lawsuit, retaining jurisdiction to enforce the on-going agreement that lead to this historic resolution. The dismissal is the result of a comprehensive joint stipulation – filed by the parties and approved by the court earlier this year – that ensures a successful and quality community-based behavioral health system.

As a result of the Stipulation, Arizonans with serious mental illnesses have access to a variety of agreed-upon services and programs that will promote their recovery and facilitate their integration and meaningful participation in the community.

“Having served in public office for more than three decades, I have been greatly invested and involved in making sure our seriously mentally ill citizens are provided quality care and services they deserve,” said Governor Brewer. “It has been a long and often contentious road, but today, we celebrate the official end of *Arnold v. Sarn* – and, most importantly, the future that now includes a model community-based behavioral health system for the people of Arizona.”

“Today is the culmination of the hard work, passion and persistence of many dedicated individuals, who over the past three years have worked diligently and amicably to reach an effective resolution that will keep our behavioral health system accessible and accountable to the population it serves. I am grateful to everyone involved for helping to bring about meaningful and lasting reform.”

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